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Town Wins Community Achievement Award



At the October Indiana Association of Cities and Towns annual conference in South Bend, the Town of Newburgh received the 2008 Annual Award for Community Achievement for its recently completed "Preserving the Past, Securing the Future" project. Through one ambitious project, the Town accomplished three distinct community goals - establishing a new town hall, maintaining a downtown library, and preserving a downtown historic landmark. In 2005, the Town was faced with a dilemma. The Ohio Township Public Library system,

of which the Newburgh Library is a part, opened a new Central Library in the rapidly growing Ohio Township. The library board planned to operate the Newburgh Library as a branch library on only one floor of its riverfront location and use the remaining space for storage. Town officials and citizens feared for the future of the small downtown library. At the same time this occurred, Town officials were involved in discussions about a much-needed Town Hall facility. The church building that had served as the governmental seat for four decades was in need of a major overhaul. The building, formerly the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, had been purchased by the Town in 1965, and public sentiment was strong to keep it in public hands and renovate it for continued public use. A deal was eventually struck which would allow both the Newburgh Library and old Town Hall buildings to be fully utilized. The Town was able to purchase the Newburgh Library property where it could relocate its governmental offices on one level while the remaining space could serve as a family library. The old Town Hall facility underwent a major overhaul and is being used as a venue for both public and private events. The \$1 million dollar project was offset by a variety of public and private funding sources, including monies from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and a Community Focus Fund grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Anne Rust Aurand and Shari Sherman, Committee Members

Just a reminder

Yard waste pick up will continue through Friday, December 26, 2008.

Yard waste pick up will begin again on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Christmas trees will be picked up on January 9 and January 30, 2009.

Recycling calendars for 2009 will be mailed to all households in December.

Officials Optimistic about Sidewalk Construction Timeline

The Town of Newburgh is moving forward on two large long-awaited sidewalk projects that will positively impact the Town. Stage 1 design work has begun for the Safe Routes to School project which will improve existing and build new sidewalks and a bicycle lane along West Jennings and State streets. Funding for this project was secured through the Indiana Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program. Since construction contracts for the project will be let through INDOT, the process becomes more lengthy, but the Town is optimistic that construction could begin in the fall of 2009.

With Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) money, the Town is embarking upon the construction of sidewalks and a bicycle lane along Jefferson Street from Water Street to Community Park and Pool and then to Veterans Park. This will provide a safe way for pedestrians and bicyclists to connect from the Rivertown Trail to the two existing parks to the north. The plan is to eventually connect Jefferson Street to State Street with sidewalks along Fourth Street. Design work has begun on this project, and the projected timeline for construction is summer of 2009.

Anne Rust Aurand, Sidewalk Committee Chair

Town Crew Removes Wind Storm Debris

After the September 14 wind storm that packed sustained winds of up to 65 miles per hour, citizens, Vectren, and the Town crew have spent weeks clearing streets and removing yard waste debris accumulated from the storm. The damage was widespread and severe. Many trees were downed and property damage, particularly roof damage, was sustained. The Town is working with Warrick County Emergency Management and FEMA in an effort to obtain federal assistance in reimbursing the Town for this effort.

Alonzo B. Moore, Street Commissioner



Newburgh Firefighters Compete

The Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department thanks the community for helping Jerry's Kids with another very successful Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) boot drive this year. During the last weekend of September, firefighters from all over the nation traveled to southern Indiana to take part in the Firefighter Combat Challenge. It was an incredible experience. Team Newburgh Fire led by Scott Zoll, Nick Don-

nan, Josh Kolley, Jason Woehler, Doug Wolf, and Damian Gourley finished their rounds with impressive times. Scott Zoll, Adam Greenlee, and Mark Grimm took part in the singles competition as well. Mark Grimm finished first place in the over 50 age division. Thank you for representing NVFA and the Town.

Alonzo B. Moore, Fire Commissioner

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Prepared by Cynthia E. Burger, Town Manager



Park Board Explores Skate Park

A safe place for skate boarders to try their jumps and flips is being looked into by the Newburgh Park Board. In the recently updated Newburgh Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, a skate park is listed as one of the vision initiatives for the park system. These initiatives were formulated based upon citizen surveys and public information meetings. A committee within the Park Board has been formed recently, and they have begun gathering information and visiting skate parks in the area. Although still in the initial planning stage, they envision utilizing the area at Community Park that formerly housed the batting

cages. The Park Board is looking at various funding opportunities including non-profit groups. Donna Hurm, president of the Park Board, said the committee welcomes ideas and input from those in the community who would like to assist in the planning and development of such a park. Please contact Donna at dmhurm@wowway.com or 490.0791.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

Old Lock & Dam Park Improvements



The Town recently completed the first phase of a much needed makeover of the Old Lock & Dam park. The old wooden poles and overhead wires have been replaced with underground wiring and new ornamental light poles. In addition, the electrical service has been greatly improved, expanded, and upgraded in order to accommodate the many fairs, festivals and events that take place at the park. A new sound, music, and public address system was also added providing flexibility and high quality sound for any event.

Renovation work to the exterior restrooms began in mid October. Renovations to the Control Building # 47, which will begin in late December or early January, will afford a much more functional and attractive setting for the various meetings, receptions, and other events that take place there.

Future plans include the renovation of the Lock-master cottages at the top of the hill. All of these transformations will significantly improve the use and look of the park area as well as the quality of life of the citizens of Newburgh.



Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner



STICK OUT YOUR ARM

Once again the Town of Newburgh is assisting the Warrick County Health Department and gearing up for "Flu Shot Season." For the second year in a row, we will be holding a Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic in Newburgh.

The date is November 8, 2008.
The time is 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
The place is the Apple Center.
The cost is \$15.00 cash or check.
The age is 12 years and older.

Last year's Drive-Thru Clinic proved to be highly successful with over 600 shots given in a three hour time period. In addition to providing a convenience to the public, the Drive-Thru Clinics allow the Health Department to practice their disaster plan and capability of giving a large number of vaccines in a limited time in the event of a pandemic.

Flu Shots and frequent hand washing are the two best ways of avoiding the flu. So drive up and stick out your arm. It is quick, easy, convenient, and you probably won't feel a thing.

Frank A. Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development

WHAT IS A NIMS ?

NIMS is actually a government acronym for National Incident Management System that was established by the Department of Homeland Security in 2004. NIMS was developed to provide a unified approach to disasters and emergencies, set the standards, and teach how to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size, or complexity. This includes incidents such as tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, flooding, and terrorism.

In August, William F. Kavanaugh, Council President; Shari Sherman, Council 1st Vice President; Alonzo Moore, Council 2nd Vice President; Cynthia Burger, Town Manager; Frank Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development; Deanna Malcolm, Administrative Assistant; and Chief Brett Sprinkle; Assistant Chief Howard Williams; and Sgt. Gretchen Mayse of the Newburgh Police Department attended a two day advanced NIMS training course. This is in keeping with Homeland Security's five year training plan and further helps ensure that the Town of Newburgh is doing everything possible to prepare for any future disaster or emergency.

Frank A. Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development

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Newburgh Police Department Participates in “A Child is Missing” Alert Program

A child goes missing every 40 seconds in the U.S. Statistics involving missing elderly and Alzheimer patients are equally as alarming. The Newburgh Police Department has entered into a formal agreement with the Fort Lauderdale, Florida based “A Child is Missing” alert program. The non-profit organization was founded in 1997 and has, to date, assisted in the safe recovery of over 350 individuals. This program involves a rapid-response neighborhood alert program utilizing a high-speed, high-technology telephone network to help find missing



children, missing elderly and Alzheimer patients, and missing mentally and physically disabled persons. With the use of a satellite imaging program, geographic data from a specific area can be identified and used to target a location. This effort is crucial in the first hours of a disappearance. “A Child is Missing” is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the call center, the program offers educational assistance in child safety and parental awareness as well as law enforcement training. A Child Abduction Response Team, airport alerts for children and Alzheimer patients, and school lockdown programs are also available to law enforcement agencies through this program.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner

Rivertown Trail Phase I

Bid letting for Phase I of the Rivertown Trail is set for November 2008. Construction should begin in December. Phase I of the trail extends from the Yorkshire Trailhead to the old Lock & Dam park. Field check for Phase II, which extends from the old Lock & Dam to the new Locks & Dam park, is set for November 2008 with a projected construction date of summer 2009. The ultimate goal is to connect Newburgh's Rivertown Trail with Evansville's 42 mile Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage at Angel Mounds State Historic Site.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

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Ohio 4 and Ohio 22 vote at American Legion, Kapperman Post, 711 State Street

Ohio 20 and Ohio 33 vote at Masonic Temple, 720 Filmore

A government issued photo ID is required in order to be able to vote. The ID must have the voter's photo, name, and expiration date. In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, military ID or U.S. passport is sufficient.

For more information, please call the Warrick County Voter Registration Office at 897.6161.

Please exercise your right and privilege to vote!

